Expenditure on inter-connection of major rivers

1469. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any improvement in the proposal for connecting major rivers of the country;

(b) if so, the latest details in this regard including the features of the feasjbility studies conducted in this regard;

(c) whether any time-frame has been fixed for the inter-connection of major rivers of the counry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the expenditure likely to be incurred for the projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) The National Water Development Agency (NWDA) has prepared Feasibility Report of 16 links out of 30 identified links under the National Perspective Plan for Water Resources Development for transfer of water from surplus to deficit river basin areas. Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for one priority link *viz,* Ken-Betwa under Peninsular Component has been taken up by NWDA after signing of a tripartite agreement between the Government of India and concerned States of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh on 25.08.2005. The States of M.P. and Rajasthan have also agreed in principle for the preparation of DPR of Parbati-Kalisindh-Chambal link.

(c) and (d) The implementation of inter basin water transfer proposals depends on the consensus and cooperation of the concerned States.

Strengthening of canals of Chambal

†1470. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal with regard to strengthening and rejuvenating the canals of Chambal;

(b) if so, the action initiated by Government in this regard;

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